

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MARTEL ARTIS,

Plaintiff

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

Defendants

Case No. 2:24-cv-02186-APG-DJA

**ORDER****I. DISCUSSION**

On December 5, 2024, Plaintiff Martel Artis, an inmate in the custody of the Clark County Detention Center, filed another incomplete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 4). Although Plaintiff filed an application on this Court's approved form, he did not submit his jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). "Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*." Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments.

1 See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

2 As explained above, Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is  
3 incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff an extension of time to either pay the filing fee  
4 or file his jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

5 **II. CONCLUSION**

6 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send  
7 Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well  
8 as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis*  
9 application.

10 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until February 7, 2025**, to either pay the full  
11 \$405 filing fee or file his jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

12 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
13 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff  
14 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a  
15 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

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17 DATED: January 6, 2025

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20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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